SUMMARY OF 2020-2021 PROPOSED LOCAL RULE AMENDMENTS DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

Local Rule	Note/Explanation Regarding Proposed Amendment
LRCiv 56.1	MOTIONS FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT. Amended to add new subparagraph (g) which provides: "The Court may modify the foregoing procedures in its discretion."
LRCiv 79.1	CUSTODY AND DISPOSITION OF NON-ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED EXHIBITS, ADMINISTRATIVE RECORDS, AND SEALED DOCUMENTS. Amended to add new subparagraph (b) which requires that sensitive exhibits, whether or not received as evidence, remain in the custody of the arresting or investigating agency or its designee throughout the proceedings, unless otherwise ordered by the Court. (Upon final adoption, this amendment will render General Order 98-07 obsolete.)
LRCiv 83.10	DISPUTE RESOLUTION. Amended to create subparagraph (a) through (d). The rule requires litigants to consider the use of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) at an appropriate stage in each litigation matter; maintain confidentiality of the ADR proceedings unless otherwise ordered by the presiding judge or magistrate judge; the application of 28 U.SC § 455. Further amendment prohibits a litigant from offering to engage in ADR as a reason to delay the processing of the case under the Rule 16 scheduling order.
LRCrim 5.3 (New)	DIVISION OR LOCATION OF INITIAL APPEARANCE. New rule to specify the location of initial appearance for defendants arrested in metro areas of Phoenix and Tucson on arrest warrants issued therein. (Upon final adoption, this amendment will render General Orders 09-09 and 13-13 obsolete.)
LRCrim 32.1	SENTENCING – PRESENTENCE INVESTIGATIONS. Amended to strike subparagraph (c) regarding a petition for disclosure of presentence or probation records because it references an obsolete General Order (15-12) and because the process is covered in subparagraph (d) of the current rule. Amendment also resequences subparagraph (d) as (c).